"We will always have men capable of handling a fleet. For that matter any lieutenant commander in the navy would be greatly offended if he should be told that he could not take command of a fleet as well as any of the udmirals. He would be right, so far as study and technical knowledge goes, and would be deficient only in the superior experience of the officers of higher rank. You must remember that Dewey was a captain when he commanded the fleet at Manila, and Sampson was not an admiral at Santiago. Neither was Schley. See what politics did for those two. Had there been no politicians, both might have been made vice-admirals. We will always have men capable



lawe cor two under way now and Congress will be asked to give us four the gress will be asked to give us four this winter, and it oute to do so. See Pregulature I Profestive.

Something else. This man holds up the construction of the Dreadnought to do our ships with its 28-foot freeboard. Why should it not have a much higher freeboard than any of our ships. But let me tell you this naval perfect ship this man and the English along the surprise mought be surprised by the clearing-house late to-grow the surprised by the clearing-house late to-grow professed by the clearing-house late to-grow professed

moving German navy, our ships con-tain everything worth having that they have with our own Yankee inventions added, "Defect for defect, we have infinite-by less than the ships of any other navy in the world, and ton for ton and

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Rheumatism WHAT MEMBERS SAY ABOUT THEMSELVES

Official Directory of Sixteenth Congress, Just Issued, Is an Interesting Document.

SOME UNIQUE BIOGRAPHIES

The control of the co senators and depresentatives the sending out to their constituents the official directory of the first session of the Sixticth Congress, which is just from the printer, and which is full of

Money Needed for Poor at Once

Christmas dinners for 1-33 poor families of Richmond—such is the comprehensive scheme adopted this year by the various charlinble organizations of the city, and ably is the plan being carried out. Figuring at two people in a family—and few families on the list show less than that, while many have double that number—this should give food and good things to 7.170 persons on Carlstanas day. The greater number of the baskets are now arranged for, and late hist night a careful review of the shivation showed that but 336 families yet remain to be prayled for. This residue list has been put in the hands of the Associated Charities, and there can be no doubt that the hospitable and charitable further and there can be no doubt that the hospitable and charitable further, and there can be no doubt that the hospitable and charitable, that they are going alread and ordering the supplies. One dollar a basket will be the average cost, and a prompt contribution of \$333 to-day will insure the fallest success of one of the most cluborate charitable achieve ever attempted in the city.

A meeting of the various charitable organizations who are farmishing Christmas baskets to the poor was held Saturday morning to consider the strainton. There were present Cangin Theodore Fowler, of the Saturday Mrs. C. E. Bolling, of the City Missions; the Rev. A. B. Shinners, were unavoidably absent, but sent full lists of the families, which will be Mestrs. W. R. Sullmann, of the Citys, and Preston Dielo, of the Shriners, were unavoidably absent, but sent full lists of the families, which will be supplied with baskets by these societies. The number of baskets reported as having been prepared and rendy for distribution was:

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TO SECURE A DIVORCE



EARL OF YARMOUTH. GIRL CRUELLY SLAIN

Inscription Being Placed on Monument In Hollywood Cemetery.

Work was begun during the past week on a suitable inscription to the memory of Mrs. Jefferson Davis in the blank place left for the name on the Davis Monument in Hollywood Cemetery. The inscription stone, which rests in the base of the Jefferson Davis Monument at the Davis circle, was taken out and removed to a stonegard for the necessary work. It is expected that the stone will be replaced by the first of the year. The inscription will rend as follows:

"Sacred to the memory of AMINA HOWILL DAVIS, Beleved wife of defferson Davis, and devoted mother of his children. Her children rise up and call her breed; her husband also, and he praises. She stretches out her hands to the poor;

She reaches both her hunds to the

pour; She reaches both her hands to the sale reactes both her hands to the needy;
Give her the fruit of her friends, and let her own works praise her in the gate."

On the reverse side of the stone will be ascribed:

"Erected by Margaret Howell Davis Hases, the devoted daughter of deferson and Varina Howell Davis, in the year of coir Lord, 1907. When our Lord linth Joined together let not man put assunder."

The other two sides of the stone containing laserptions to the nemony of Mr. Davis Hill be repolished before the slab is reduced.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

New High School Building Nearing Completion-"Dutch" Cook Dead.

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 1102 Hull Street.

Work on the new High School Las Work on the new High School Las, progressed most satisfactorily, and the building will certainly be ready for occupancy in the contract time. All the heavy work has been completed, and nothing now remains undone except the finishing touches, such as inside painting and other smaller details.

On Saturday the heating apparatus was tested, and was found to be excellent. The school will be occupied February list.

Blacksmith Dead.

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W. S. Cook, better known as "Dutch" a blacksmith who was known to almost every man, woman and child in the city ded at the resdence of his brother, Guy S. Cook, at Nith and Maury Streets, on Saturday afternoon. He conducted a shop on Hull Street between Eighth and Ninth Streets, and also dealt in horses (x-tensively. He is survived by his widow and several brothers. The funcial took place from the home yesterday at 12:39 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Edwards, pastor eted by Rev. Mr. Edwards, paster Fifth Street Methodist Episcopai

Personals and Briefs.

Mr. Ralley P. Shiffett and daughter, Marion, of Cowardin Avenue, who have been visiting in Lunenburg county, will return home to-day.

The installation services at Clopton Street Baptist Church were largely attended yesterday afternoon, and the program was carried out as arranged. The new pastor, the Rev. J. E. Harrel, impressed his congregation deeply with his response to the various welcomes he received.

Captain James A. Lipscomb, Chief of Police, is confined to his home by a severe attack of grip. He was taken sick Saturday afternoon.

The annual Sunday school entertainment given by the Sunday school of the Sacred Heart Church will be held on Thesday, December 31st.

Mrs. Earnest Atwell is quite sick at ther home, on Semmes Street.

Miss Katherine Taylor, of Buck Hill, who is attending the Normal School at Parmville, is spending the holidays here.

The children of the Presbyterian

Drunken Mountaineer's Reckless Sport
Causes Pathetic Tragedy.

ASHEVILLE, N. C. December 22.—As a train which left Asheville to-night for Lake Toxaway was passing Buena Vista, inve mites south or Biltimore, Jee Lance, a mountaineer, who, with several companions had been in Asheville to-night buying their Christmas supply of whiskey, pulled a revolver from his pocket, saying he wanted "to hear it sound," and shot it off from the moving train.

The shooting was followed by shricks, and the conductor ordered the train stopped and backed. Near the station Miss Althena Green, the sixteen-year-old daughter of J. M. Green, a prominent citizen of Buna Vista, was foundlying wounded, as the result of Lance's shot.

Miss Green was carried to her home and lived twenty-ive minutes. The only words she spoke was when her aged mother came to her bedside and she threw her arms around her neck, excla ming: "Oh. mamma, I don't want to die." Her mother is crazed with grief and refuses to be comported. Miss Green was the only girl of seven children.

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Install New Officers.

District Deputy Grand Master John W. Dunn will install new officers at the following Odd-Fellow lodges: Aniora Lodge, January 2d; Tuckhoe Lodge, Ridge Church, January 4th; Springs, January 8th; About Ben Adhem, January 9th A large delegation will accompany him. It is expected that Deputy Grand Master J. C. Noel. Past Grand Masters R. E. Chase and W. C. Morris, Grand Herald H. M. Reinheart, Past Grand Marshell G. W. Graves, Past Grands Rose Southward, W. C. Wright, W. R. Wagner, J. M. Lancaster, L. H. Drew and A. C. Brown will assist the deputy at Highland Springs. The membership of this lodge is increasing at every meeting.

Tyree Not So Well.

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John T. Tyree, who shot himself in the head Thursday morning, was reported last night at the Memorial Hospital to be not so well. His condition during yesterday was not as promising as it had been. Still the physicians do not despair of saving his life, and much hope is expressed that he will recover,

Mrs. Brockenbrough Very III. Mrs. Kate Brockenbrough, of West Franklin Street, was said last night to be very ill at the Virginia Hospital. where she has been attended for some Her daughter was at her bedside last night.

Rev. W. F. Gardner.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, M.D., December 22.—

Rev. William, F. Gardner, rector of Trinity P. E. Church, Howard county, died to-day. A native of Virginia, he was educated at Charlottesville. He had held charges at Alexandria and Morthants Hope, Va. A widow, who was Miss Rowland, of Norfolk, survives him.

The fundral of Mrs. Roberta Adkins will take place at noon to-day from St. Paul's Church Home, No. 100 West Clay Street.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Rain and warm-fer Monday: Tuesday unsettled, prob-bily rain; brisk southeast winds, in-creasing.
North Carolina—Rain Monday; warm-er in interior; brisk, probably high southwest winds, shifting to wost.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY. Richmond's weather was 'cool and loudy. Thermometer at midnight, 50. CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. ce. Ther. H.T. Weather. Place. Ashevilla

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